

Amendments To The Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented) A solid composition comprising a meiosis activating substance (MAS) and an additive which is a protein or a phosphoglyceride.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises a water content of below 10% (weight/weight).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises an organic solvent content below 10 % (weight/weight).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises a MAS content below 50% (weight/weight).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the MAS is selected from the group consisting of 4,4-dimethyl-5 α -cholesta-8,14,24-triene-3 β -ol; 4,4-dimethyl-5 α -cholest-8,14,24-trien-3 β -ol hemisuccinate; 5 α -cholest-8,14-dien-3 β -ol; 5 α -cholest-8,14-dien-3 β -ol hemisuccinate; (20S)-cholest-5-en-3 β ,20-diol; 3 β -hydroxy-4,4-dimethyl-5 α -chola-8,14-dien-24-oic acid-N-(methionine) amide; and cholest-5-en-16 β -ol.

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) An aqueous solution [comprising the] of a solid composition [of claim 1] comprising a meiosis activating substance (MAS) and an additive which is a

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protein or a phosphoglyceride, wherein the solid composition has a content of protein or phosphoglyceride higher than 99 % (weight/weight).

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The aqueous solution of claim 7, wherein the content of MAS is at least 0.001 µg/ml.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The aqueous solution of claim 9, wherein the content of MAS is not more than 0.1 g/ml.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The aqueous solution of claim 7, comprising an organic solvent content of less than 0.1% (weight/weight).

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) A device comprising a hollow containing the composition of claim 1.

Claim 13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 2, wherein the water content is below 5% (weight/weight).

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 14, wherein the water content is below 1% (weight/weight).

Claim 16 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 3, wherein the organic solvent content is below 5% (weight/weight).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 16, wherein the organic solvent content is below 1% (weight/weight).

Claim 18 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 4, wherein the MAS content is below 20% (weight/weight).

Claim 19 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 18, wherein the MAS content is below 10% (weight/weight).

Claim 20 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 19, wherein the MAS content is below 5% (weight/weight).

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the additive is a protein.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 21, wherein the protein is human serum albumin.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 22, wherein the human serum albumin is recombinant human serum albumin.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the additive is a phosphoglyceride.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 24, wherein the phosphoglyceride is selected from the group consisting of phosphatidylethanolamine, phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylserine and phosphatidylinositol.

Claim 26 (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition has a content of protein or phosphoglyceride higher than 99 % (weight/weight).

Claim 27 (New) A device comprising a hollow containing the composition of claim 26.

Claim 28 (New) An aqueous solution comprising a meiosis activating substance (MAS) and an additive which is a protein or a phosphoglyceride, wherein the ratio of MAS to said protein or phosphoglyceride in said aqueous solution is at least 1:150 (weight/weight).

Claim 29 (New) The solution of claim 28, wherein said additive is a protein.

Claim 30 (New) The solution of claim 29, wherein the protein is human serum albumin.

Claim 31 (New) The solution of claim 30, wherein the human serum albumin is recombinant human serum albumin.

Claim 32 (New) The solution of claim 28, wherein the content of MAS is at least 0.001 $\mu\text{g/ml}$.

Claim 33 (New) The solution of claim 32, wherein the content of MAS is not more than 0.1 g/ml .

Claim 34 (New) The solution of claim 28, wherein said solution comprises an organic solvent content of less than 0.1%.

Claim 35 (New) A solid composition comprising 4,4-dimethyl-5 α -cholesta-8,14,24-triene-3 β -ol and an additive which is a protein or a phosphoglyceride.

Claim 36 (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of water of below 10% (weight/weight).

Claim 37 (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of water of below 5% (weight/weight).

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Claim 38 (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of water of below 1% (weight/weight).

Claim 39 (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of organic solvent of below 10% (weight/weight).

Claim 40 (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of organic solvent of below 5% (weight/weight).

Claim 41 (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of organic solvent of below 1% (weight/weight).

Claim 42 (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of 4,4-dimethyl-5 α -cholesta-8,14,24-triene-3 β -ol of below 50% (weight/weight).

Claim 43 (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of 4,4-dimethyl-5 α -cholesta-8,14,24-triene-3 β -ol of below 20% (weight/weight).

Claim 44 (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of 4,4-dimethyl-5 α -cholesta-8,14,24-triene-3 β -ol of below 10% (weight/weight).

Claim 45 (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein said additive is a protein.

Claim 46 (New) The composition of claim 45, wherein said protein is human serum albumin.

Claim 47 (New) An aqueous solution comprising the composition of claim 35.

Claim 48 (New) A device comprising a hollow containing the composition of claim 35.

Claim 49 (New) A device comprising a hollow containing the solution of claim 47.

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Claim 50 (New) A device comprising a hollow containing the solution of claim 7.

Claim 51 (New) An aqueous solution comprising the composition of claim 26.

Claim 52 (New) A device comprising a hollow containing the solution of claim 51.